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The Govt
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GOVERNMENT'S replies made yesterday to the Unofficials' Budget criticisms and suggestions were benignly placating, and in some instances usefully informative. While no rash promises were made, the Government spokesmen went practically all the way in agreeing in principle with the several ideas advanced by the Unofficials aimed at giving the Colony improved services and amenities. Two of the most important statements related to future car parking facilities in the centre of the city, and the planned extension of Kai Tak airfield. The Director of Public Works envisaged a car park below the future City Hall capable of facilitating four or five times the number of vehicles now being parked in Statue Square. Additionally he forecast a new overhead car park at the concourse to the vehicular ferry. These, it is true, are distant developments. Nevertheless there is satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that a definite plan is under consideration—which, when it eventuates, promises to bring substantial relief to the problem of car parking in the central area.

THE Colonial Secretary's prompt reply to Mr Cassidy's invitation to Government to make a statement on the extension of Kai Tak airport was the high spot of yesterday's speeches. Apparently useful progress has already been made towards fulfilment of a scheme which, when finalised, will immeasurably improve conditions for aircraft. The fact that the experts are not all agreed that the extended runways will be wholly adequate for jet passenger planes is somewhat disconcerting. The Kai Tak extension project is a costly one, and the Colony has yet to know how much of the cost it will have to bear. It is thus of prime importance that the completed project should not fall short of accepted standards for handling all future types of air liners. We do not want any repetition of Ping Shan, which scheme, after being in hand, had to be abandoned because the site was condemned by civil air experts as being inadequate. The new Kai Tak airport must, beyond all doubt, be sufficient to meet any demands made by aircraft.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF DR ADENAUER Bomb In Parcel Kills Explosives Expert THREE GERMAN POLICE OFFICERS WOUNDED

From DENIS MARTIN

Munich, Mar. 27. Germany's new Nazis tonight tried to kill 76-year-old Federal Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer with a bomb wrapped in a brown paper parcel.

The bomb did not reach Dr Adenauer, but in the cellars of the Munich police headquarters—only a mile from the beer cellar of the famous Hitler putsch—it went off killing an explosives expert and gravely wounding three police officers.

Within minutes of the explosion police chiefs throughout Western Germany were warned "Look out for books containing lethal explosives, addressed to leading members of the Government."

Police cars with sirens screaming raced through the crowded sky streets to seal off the police headquarters.

Later, two boys told the Police: Dr Ludwig Weitmann, a strange tale.

"On our way home to dinner," they said, "two men stopped us in the square right in the centre of the city. They asked us to post a parcel wrapped up in brown paper. It felt like bricks and it was addressed to Dr Adenauer in Bonn."

But the boys took the parcel to police headquarters. An explosives expert was immediately summoned. With three police officers he took the parcel into the "bomb cellar"—a room with cement walls nine feet thick.

A few minutes later there was a tremendous explosion.

Police spokesmen said tonight they believe the plot to originate from Germany's new Nazi groups. A Nazi rally is taking place in the city tonight and the chief speaker is one of General Ernst Otto Remer's "Gauleiters"—Dr Fritz Ertl. London Express Service.

IGNITER IN BOOK

Reuter reports that in the parcel had been a book with an igniter which was set off by opening the wrapping, he added. The cellar of the police headquarters was completely shattered.

The police said they believed that the boys' suspicions were aroused because they remembered the parcel bomb outrages in North Germany last November, in which two people were killed.

The fire brigade expert, Karl Reichert, answered the police summons although he was suffering from influenza. He put the parcel on a table in the

The Victim Who Escaped



DR KONRAD ADENAUER

cellar. Before starting to open it he told all others in the room to leave and close the iron door behind them.

The bomb apparently went off too quickly, for the policemen and two Munich newspaper reporters were also injured.

First eyewitness reports said that several people were carried away in stretchers.

Dr Weitmann has imposed a news blackout pending enquiries into the cause of the explosion. The area was cordoned off and all available police squads were called to the scene. Reuter.

EXPRESSES REGRET

According to United Press when Dr Adenauer left the villa of President Theodor Heuss later tonight, he expressed deep regret and said, "I will do what I can for the injured."

The police described the parcel as 12 inches long, nine wide and eight deep, tied with heavy cord and wrapped in brown paper. The name of the sender as written on it was Professor Berghof of Frankfurt.

The Chancellor was away in Bonn, where he met the three Allied High Commissioners earlier today. He later left his office for dinner at the home of President Theodor Heuss.

This is the first known attempt on Dr Adenauer's life. A German newspaper publisher and a girl were killed recently by mailed bombs in North Germany. A disgruntled job-seeker is awaiting trial on the charge of posting them. United Press.

An American helicopter today flew rice supplies to 1,400 food-starved villagers cut off by late winter snows on the northern Japanese mainland.

The villagers had been without food for several days. Reuter.

Honeymooners Stranded

Ide of Wight, Mar. 27. A London honeymoon couple staying in the Ide of Wight were stranded all night on a cliff face in heavy rain after being cut off by a rising tide.

The couple, Mr and Mrs David J. Budd, of Camrose Avenue, Edgware, had set out to walk along the beach from Alum Bay to Tolland. After struggling through treacherous clay, they had to seek refuge from the tide on the cliffs until five o'clock in the morning.

As their landlady had gone to bed early they were not missed and no search party was sent out. Reuter.

Spy Is Allowed To Escape

American Action

Bonn, Mar. 27. American officials disclosed today they let an accused German double agent leave Germany—to escape. West German authorities who charge that he sold his fellow countrymen into Russian captivity.

He is Hans Kemritz, subject of a long and bitter dispute between the Americans and Germans.

A former German Intelligence officer, Kemritz served as an agent for both the Americans and the Russians in Berlin after the war. The Americans took him into protective custody after a Berlin court ruled in favour of a German woman who charged that Kemritz had betrayed her husband into Soviet captivity—and eventually death in prison.

BITTER PROTESTS

Against loud and bitter German protests, the Americans forced the Berlin court to set aside its verdict. A mixed American-German Commission was to investigate the case but met only a few times and never issued a formal report.

The affair was presumed to be still under investigation when an American spokesman announced today:

"We have informed the Germans that, after considering all aspects of the case, we have permitted Kemritz to leave Germany."

"We haven't told them where he has gone and we are not telling anybody else."

"As far as the Americans are concerned, the case is now closed."

The American spokesman predicted, however, that there probably would be violent protests in the German Parliament when Kemritz's departure becomes known.

Since they also had used Kemritz as an agent, the Americans apparently felt they couldn't let him be subjected to unrestricted German retaliation.

Associated Press.

Eisenhower To Resign?

Paris, Mar. 27. General Dwight Eisenhower plans to announce resignation from his post as SHAPE Commander-in-Chief about April 2, well informed sources said tonight.

The general will make the announcement either the day he submits the first annual report on the state of the European defence or shortly afterwards, it was added.

This report is expected to be published on April 2.

Since General Eisenhower's successor is not expected to be named until about six weeks after the General announces his resignation, Eisenhower will probably remain at his post until the second half of May, it was said.

The Atlantic Council would in that case meet about June 1 to choose a new Commander-in-Chief.

It was added that General Eisenhower's successor would undoubtedly be an American-France-France.

Tory Govt. Makes Concession Tones Down Health Service Charges

London, Mar. 27. The Conservative Government today placated a section of its own backbenchers by toning down proposed charges under the hitherto almost free-State health service.

The Government, which is engaged in a drastic economy drive, had announced that it intended to make the public pay up to £1 for dental treatment. The only exceptions would be nursing mothers, children up to 16 years and very needy people.

GOLD RUSH FEVER IN AUSTRALIA

Wedderburn, Mar. 27.

Gold rush fever has again gripped this normally drowsy little farming town, where a farmer dug up £25,000 worth of gold in his backyard two years ago.

Les Hall, aged 58, said he found a 27-ounce gold nugget worth about £1450 only a few inches below the surface—and just opposite to Farmer Dave Butterick's famed backyard.

Since Hall broke the news other hopefuls, with their eyes glued to the ground, walk the streets, kicking at stones and looking for glint.

Hall quietly put the nugget in his pocket, went to the local tavern and had a few rounds of drinks with the boys. He did not say a word until he had formally pegged his claim.

Wedderburn had been returning to its usual tranquillity since the gilded dreams of the "big rush of 1950" had reluctantly grown tarnished.

After the news broke of Butterick's backyard fortune—which he had kept a closely guarded secret for 18 months—the town was besieged by fortune-seeking folks, sightseers, photographers and reporters.

Streets and back gardens were dug up, shafts sunk and little more gold was unearthed.

Experts warned that the field under the town had been thoroughly worked over around 1895 but the residents remained convinced that beneath the town's main street ran an untouched gold reef worth millions. Reuter.

New French Offensive In Indo-China

Hanoi, Mar. 27. French Headquarters announced today that the offensive launched against Communist rebels two days ago in central Vietnam has been completed and that French Union troops are "mopping up" the area west of a point some 20 miles from Hue, the capital of Central Annam, 380 miles north of Saigon.

The Headquarters said that the operation consisted of an amphibious landing covered by heavy fire from the French cruiser "Le Malin" and several elements of airborne troops flying in from garrisons.

The most important battle in this attack, French headquarters said, took place around 2 p.m. local time yesterday when French Union troops engaged elements of the crack 101st Vietnamese Regiment along the coastal area near Hue.

According to military sources some 50 rebels were killed and 200 wounded. A number of prisoners were taken.

French-Vietnam losses were reported to be two killed and 14 wounded.

The announcement from French Headquarters said that fighter planes based on the French aircraft carrier "Aeronavale", cruising on the coast of Annam, yesterday effected 30 sorties, plastering the roads and napalm to "soften" resistance for amphibious and airborne landings. United Press.

Never
Again To Be
Chief

London, Mar. 27. The House of Commons, by 308 votes to 285, today approved the British Government's decision to exclude Sereeta Khamra permanently from chieftainship of the Banangwale tribe in Bechuanaland. It defeated a Labour (Opposition) motion criticising the Government's policy. Liberals joined the Labour Party in today's voting. Reuter.

Japan's Budget Approved

Tokyo, Mar. 27. Japan's 1952-53 Budget was adopted today despite sharp opposition to costs under the heading of defence, which had been linked with the possibility of rearmament.

Political sources here considered the passage of the Budget, which will cover Japan's first post-occupation year after the ratification of the peace treaty, as a major Government victory.

The Budget of 852,700 million yen (£852,700,000) includes 65,000 million yen (£65 million) for joint defence expenses with the United States and 18,000 million yen (£18 million) for national security.

The Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, defended the latter item as being for "self-defence" units and not rearmament.

The Government, however, will have to face further stiff opposition when they present new legislation to replace the Occupation ordinances, local newspapers predicted today.

It was said that the main criticism will be directed against a "bill" to prevent subversive activities" which the Government almost immediately. Reuter.

GOOD PROGRESS

London, Mar. 27. A girl whose lungs were so small that she could not cry when she was born 13 weeks ago soon 37 days ago, is making good progress in a Bristol maternity home.

The baby, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hens Green of Redland, Bristol, weighed 1 lb. 13 oz. at birth and now weighs 2 lbs. 10 oz. Reuter.

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London Losing
A Landmark

London, Mar. 27. The end of London's oldest tram route and last of the all-night tram services takes place on Saturday, April 5, with the closing down of the Kingsway tram subway.

This will be the final passing of the last trams from North London and marks stage seven of London Transport's two-year plan to replace all trams by buses.

Thirty more miles of tram routes will disappear. —Reuter.

Youthful
Premier
Sworn In

Colombo, Mar. 27. Cambridge-educated cricket-loving Dudley Senanayake, 41, was sworn in last night as Prime Minister of Ceylon. He took over the mantle of his father, Don Stephen Senanayake, who died last Saturday after a fall from a bolting horse.

The new Prime Minister is one of the youngest in the British Commonwealth. He is popularly regarded here as this baby Dominion's most eligible bachelor. His personal political views lean towards Fabian Socialism. He now leads the powerful United National Party which is a bitter foe of Communism.

Mr Senanayake has been Minister of Agriculture for the past five years.

The young leader was loath to take over the Premiership and only did so after extreme pressure was brought on him by members of his party and key industrial and business representatives.

Mr Senanayake had promised to support Sir John Kotewala, Transport Minister and nephew of the late Premier, for the top post. However, these moves compelled him to take on the job himself with Sir John's consent and support. —

Industries Minister G. G. Ponnambalam threatened to resign. Six leading Parliamentarians representing planting and business interests informed the Governor-General that they preferred the late Premier's son to lead Ceylon. Nineteen back-benchers in Parliament threatened to quit unless Dudley Senanayake took over.

Mr Senanayake then consented to take over the leadership and immediately called on Sir John, who agreed to return to the Cabinet in his old post as Transport Minister. —Associated Press.

Queen To Honour
Grenadiers

London, Mar. 27. The Queen is to present her company colour, the Royal Standard of the Regiment, to the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, formerly the King's Guards. Made of crimson silk, it awaits the Queen's final approval of the Royal cypher.

The presentation will probably take place privately at Buckingham Palace.

Special regulations govern the flying of the Standard. It is carried only when the Regiment is on ceremonial duties in the presence of the Queen.

When the Battalion provides a guard of honour, it will be the Queen's Company and the Standard will be carried.

The Duke of Gloucester will present new colours to the 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, at Gloucester on April 28.

On April 27 the Duke, accompanied by the Duchess, will attend a service in Gloucester Cathedral in thanksgiving for the return from Korea of the 1st Battalion, and will unveil a War Memorial Chapel. —Reuter.

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Pilgrimage During The Eclipse



An elderly Hindu sings to the accompaniment of drums at the pilgrimage to bathe in the River Hooghly, Calcutta, during the eclipse of the sun. Others made a pilgrimage to various pools which Hindus believe were sanctified by Nahrma, the Creator, joining in mass demonstrations of piety while the Sun God fought and won the two-hour battle with the demon Rahu. —Express Service.

US Planning Expansion In
Japan's Trade With Asia

Washington, Mar. 27. The Mutual Security Agency reported to Congress today that the \$258,000,000 requested for the 1953 mutual security programme for the Far East will benefit Japan by enlarging its trade with South-East Asia.

It pointed out that this aid will stimulate shipments of raw materials to Japan and enlarge markets for Japanese production throughout the area.

The Mutual Security Agency urged Congress to appropriate \$24,000,000 for aid to the Philippines in the fiscal year 1953 because the Republic is of major political, strategic and commercial importance to the United States.

It also proposed to Congress to spend \$115,000,000 to aid the Nationalist Chinese.

Of this total \$35,000,000 would be for direct military support, \$49,375,000 would be for economic support commodities and \$30,625,000 would be for various other programmes.

The Agency asked for \$65,000,000 to provide aid to Indo-China. The MSA said that the programme would provide \$35,000,000 for direct military support and \$30,000,000 for economic aid.

The Agency asked Congress for \$8,000,000 for Indonesia.

The Agency submitted plans to Congress detailing the Far Eastern part of the \$7,900,000,000 global aid programme for the 1953 fiscal year.

In addition to helping the South-East Asian area to resist Communism the MSA said that the programme will help expand Japan's trade with the six recipient countries—Indonesia, Indo-China, the Philippines, Burma, Thailand and Formosa.

It said: "Expansion of trade between these countries and Japan would be mutually beneficial, bringing Japan raw materials for its industrial economy and bringing countries of South-East Asia not only manufactured consumer goods but also capital goods to help them diversify and industrialise economies."

The plans also indicated the importance of Japan in supplying commodities provided under the Far Eastern aid programme. Between June 1, 1950, and December 31, 1951, it said that Japan supplied 11 per cent of the goods procured for the area. In this respect Japan was second only to the United States which supplied 80 per cent. Four per cent came from Western Europe and five per cent from other areas.

BASIC MATERIALS

The Agency gave no indication as to how much of the 1953 procurements will come from Japan.

The whole of the South-East Asian area would be allocated \$258,000,000 compared with \$166,500,000 in the 1952 fiscal year. Burma would be allocated \$18,000,000 and Thailand \$7,000,000.

In addition the programme would include \$13,000,000 for a basic materials development fund. "This money would be used, the MSA said, to develop increased production of strategic materials for delivery to the

REQUEST EXPLAINED

Washington, Mar. 27. The Mutual Security Agency said today that assistance to Indo-China during this financial year was costing \$24,000,000.

In a pamphlet telling Americans the reason for American assistance to countries in South-East Asia the Agency said its aim was to defend Indo-China and to convert it into a stable and secure area friendly to the West.

"Economically, the aid programme seeks to increase production and offset the drain on the military," it added.

The Agency said: "The danger in South-East Asia is that the people may succumb to Communist pressure when they see no hope in the present system and become convinced that any change can only be for the better."

On Indonesia the pamphlet said that its aid programme would cost \$6,000,000. Seventy-seven per cent of the total was being spent on projects of public health, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and education.

On Formosa it said that the island's economy could not bear the extra burdens of over 1,000,000 refugees and of the large armed forces there. —Reuter.

AID CRITICISED

Washington, Mar. 27. Mr William Bray (Republican, Indiana) today criticised the

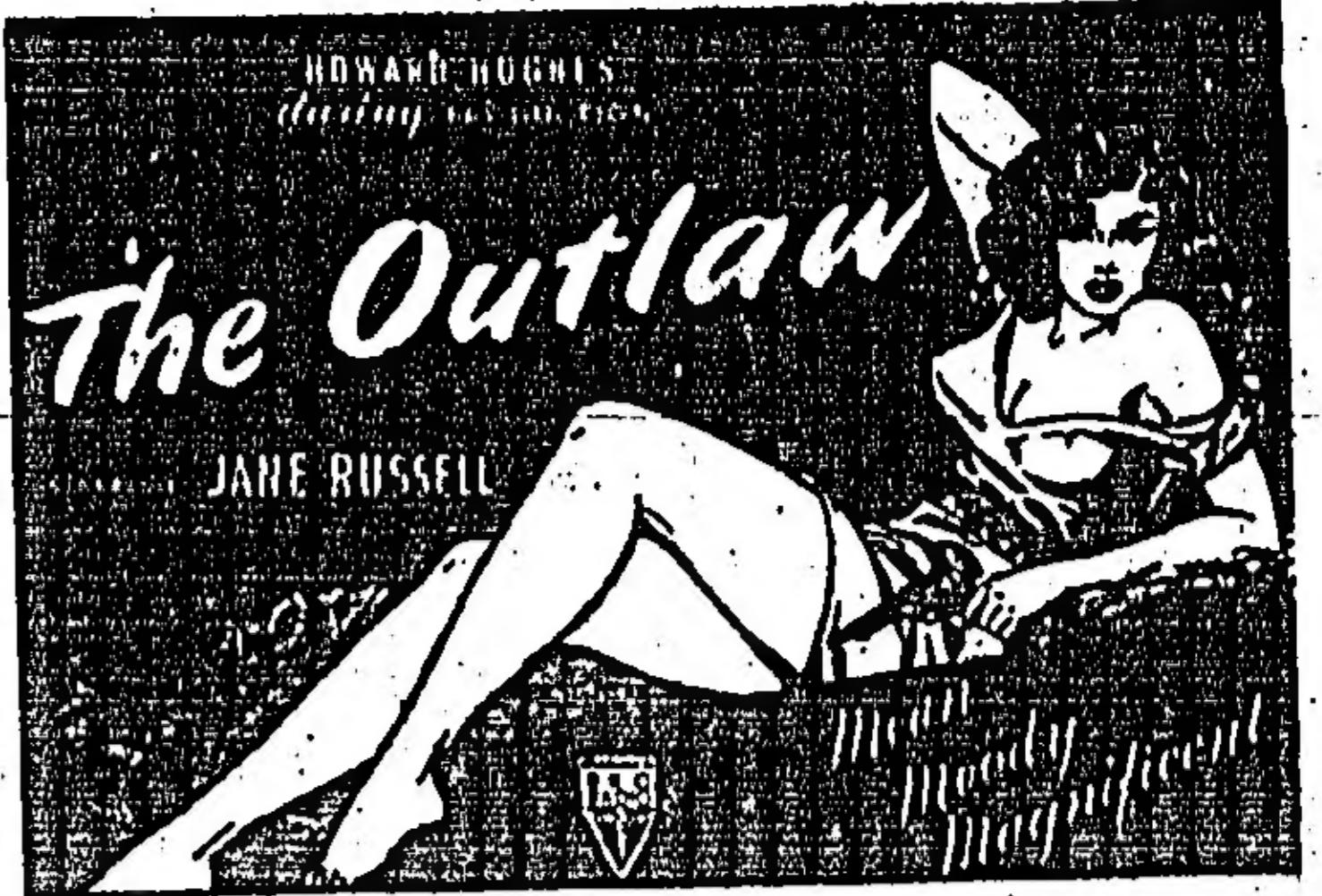
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JAPANESE SECURITY MEASURES

Tokyo, Mar. 27. The Japanese Cabinet is expected to put the final stamp of approval tomorrow on three Government-sponsored measures aimed at controlling subversive activities in Japan.

The measures would replace the Organisations Control Ordinance sponsored by the Occupation and used to restrict the activities of Communists and ultra-Nationalist groups.

Opposition parties have criticised the measures as duplicates of the notorious pre-war peace preservation law which was used by the militarists to restrict all critical groups.

The major bill to be considered tomorrow is titled "A Bill to Prevent Subversive Activities."

The Attorney-General, Tokuro Kunita, said today the measure was aimed at organisations which commit violent and subversive activities. Enforcement would be restricted to situations where there was reason to believe the groups might repeat such activities in the future.

Punitive measures include suspension of the movement of its publications for up to six months, banning group activities for officers and officials of such organisations, and forcible dissolution of the groups.

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Two related measures will be considered along with the anti-subversive bill. One would establish a public security investigation board—a Japanese version of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The second bill would set up a five-man public security review commission to pass on the findings of the investigation board.

The investigating board and review commission would both be under the Attorney-General's office.

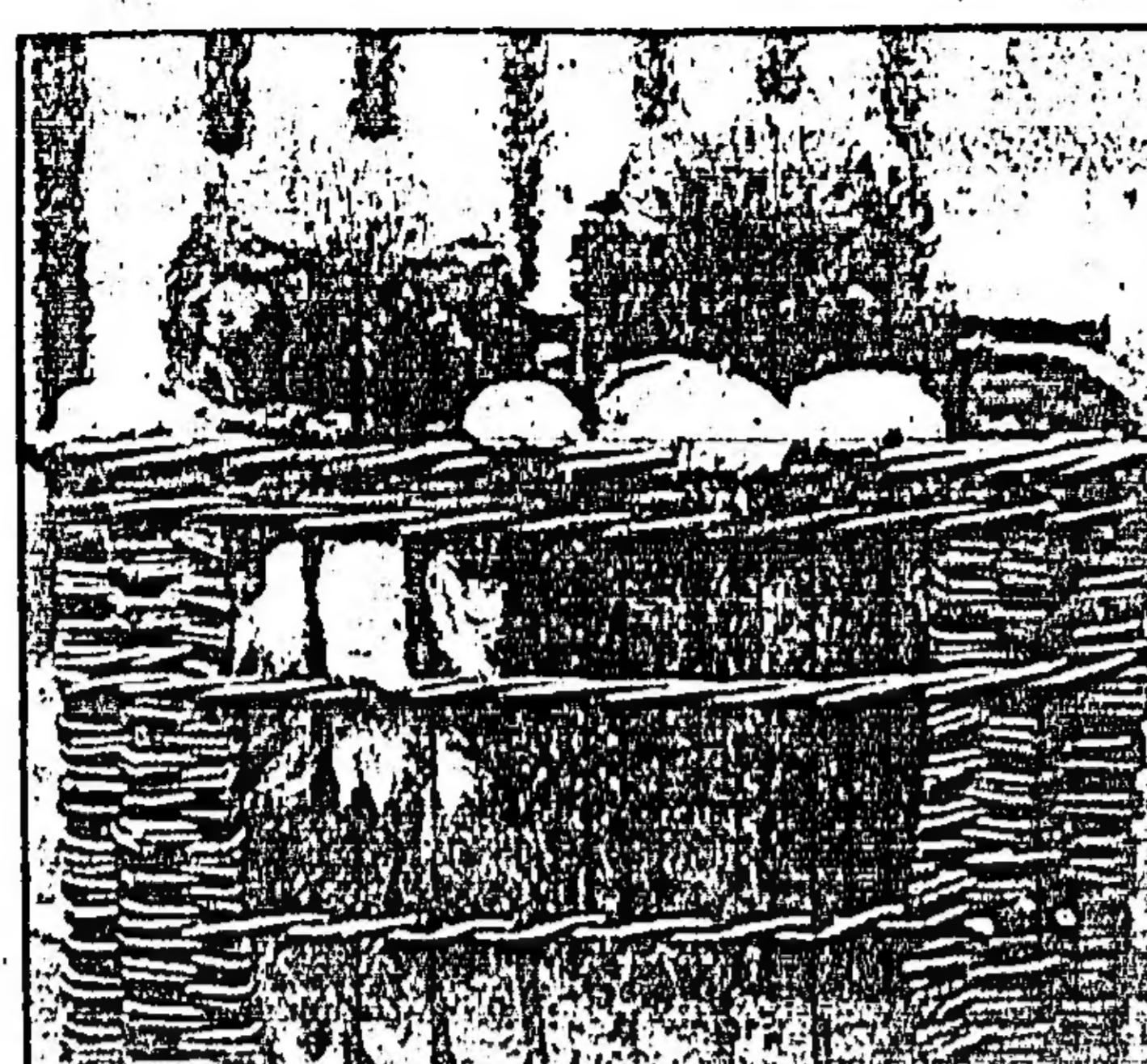
Mr Kunita said the proposed laws would not be used to restrict basic freedoms. Particularly, he said, they would not be used to control the normal activities of the Press, labour and research organisations.

The three bills were approved by a Cabinet Vice-Ministers conference today. Associated Press.

Making Punishment Fit The Crime

Hagerstown, Md., Mar. 27. Juvenile Judge Evan Crossley believes in letting the punishment fit the crime. He found eight teen-agers guilty of stealing about 50 pigeons valued at \$300 from three bird raisers. As sentence he ordered them to clean the raided pigeon coops for six months. Judge Crossley said that if the teen-agers did not like the sentence they could serve time in the county jail. Associated Press.

STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS



Fenced in, and apparently angry about it, are these two two-month-old Pekinese pups at the Welsh Hall, Gray's Inn Road, London. They won second prize in the Litter Class of the London and Provincial Pekinese Club's championship show. — Reuterphoto.

Tariff-Free Farm Produce Market In Europe Planned

Paris, Mar. 27.

Representatives of 16 European nations attending the "green pool" conference here decided today to form a Working Committee to produce a plan for a single, tariff-free market for European farm produce.

A full conference of all 16 nations will consider this draft plan between June and September.

A 16-nation sub-committee will decide on the exact tasks and composition of the Working Committee.

The conference also decided today that at their next meeting the "green pool" nations should discuss their relations with non-European countries and also how European non-member countries can be associated with their work.

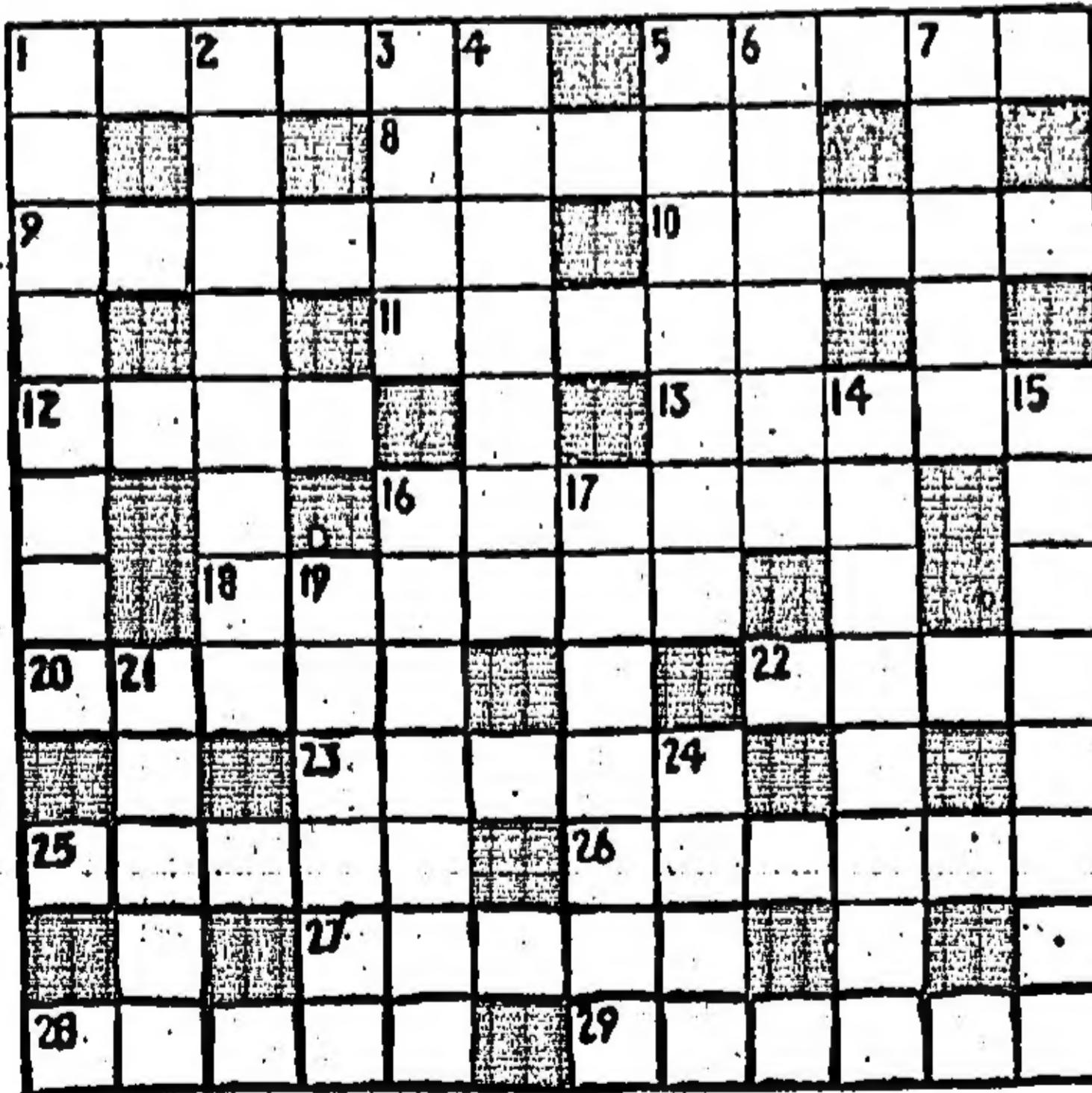
The next full conference will also discuss in detail the powers of an organisation to control the single European market for agricultural products.

A preliminary conference today discussed the agenda of the full European agricultural conference to be held in Paris between June and September.

The conference will study the setting up of a single organisation uniting all Europe's farmers. Today's meeting decided that the conference should discuss:

1. The products to be put under a single marketing organisation.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Tree (6).
- Out of humour (8).
- Of less importance (8).
- Vegetable (6).
- Ingenious (8).
- Entry in account of sum owing (6).
- Deposited (4).
- Trials (5).
- Bear witness (6).
- Chief (6).
- Heat unit (6).
- Plunder (4).
- Horror (6).
- Bring about (6).
- Idea (6).
- Ordinal (6).
- Inclined (6).
- Property (6).
- WESTCHESTER'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Smug, 7 Quirky, 8 Tree, 10 Cascade, 12 Wrap, 15 Elder, 16 Idly, 18 Emits, 21 Rodeo, 23 Span, 23 Tope, 25 Glad, 29 Delvers, 30 Amid, 31 Menu, 32 Sepia, 33 Bump, Down: 1 Ram, 2 Precode, 4 Melon, 5 Grew, 6 Puma, 9 Eddy, 11 Allot, 13 Ruin, 14 Push, 16 Repel, 17 Brag, 18 Idea, 20 Mariner, 22 Sped, 24 Odium, 25 Reptile, 27 Loco, 28 Dab.

DOWN

- Peevish (8).
- Atom (8).
- Among (4).
- Matured (7).
- Warship (7).
- Speaks eloquently (6).
- Small piece of turf (5).
- Pudding ingredient (8).
- Term of imprisonment (8).
- Discourages (7).
- Act of self-mortification (7).
- Expunged (6).
- Pull hard (6).
- Quite a number (6).
- Envoy Sees Franco
- Madrid, Mar. 27. The new United States Ambassador to Spain, Mr Lincoln McVeagh, talked with General Franco for 20 minutes today following the ceremony of presenting his credentials. The Ambassador had a friendly reception from Madrid crowds as he drove through the town. — Reuter.

Senator Taft Lashes Out At Fellow Republicans As 'Hybrid' Candidates Angered By "Ike" Supporters

Madison, Wisconsin, Mar. 27. Senator Robert A. Taft today branded Governor Earl Warren and Harold E. Stassen as "hybrid" candidates in the Wisconsin presidential primary on April 1.

Senator Taft reacted heatedly in a speech at Portage, Wisconsin, to the efforts of Mr. Warren and Mr. Stassen to pick up support from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's backers in the State.

Mr. Stassen last night took the bold step of handing over half his slate of 30 primary delegates to General Eisenhower, and pledged to vote for the General on the first ballot at the GOP national convention.

Senator Taft told his Portage audience:

Mr. McCusker, head of the Red Dot Oil Company of Denver, is prominent in Colorado Democratic Party circles.—United Press.

LONDON REACTION

London, Mar. 27. The Ohio Republican brushed aside a barrage of questions on New Jersey's action in keeping his name in that State's primary on April 15.

Senate Taft had sought to withdraw and, in any case, told his New Jersey backers to drop his campaign there.

Meanwhile it is reported from St. Louis, Montana, that the Post-Dispatch reported today that President Truman has promised Governor Asahel Stevenson of Illinois his support if Mr. Stevenson wants the Democratic nomination for President.

NOT INCLINED

In a copywritten story by the newspaper's chief Washington correspondent, Raymond P. Brant, the Post-Dispatch said that Mr. Truman—asked—Mr. Stevenson to become the Administration's candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Stevenson, the Post-Dispatch said, "is not inclined as of today to accept the President's proposal" but did not close the door in his talks with Mr. Truman shortly before the Chief Executive left for Key West, Florida.

Mr. Stevenson so far has said publicly that he is interested only in running for re-election as Governor. He has no opposition in the Democratic primary on April 18.

The Post-Dispatch said that Mr. Truman had decided on Mr. Stevenson after talks with political leaders as the strongest man for continuing the Administration's foreign policy and one who would be a unifying influence within the Democratic Party.

The newspaper said that the main task of the Working Committee would be to ask interested nations for a list of the products which they would like brought under a single marketing organisation and to present the full conference with a co-ordinated picture of the different countries' wishes.

The full conference will establish close links with the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and will also ask the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation to send a representative to this discussion.

The preliminary conference will continue its work tomorrow. — Reuter.

DECISIVE STEP

Paris, Mar. 27. The French Premier, M. Antoine Pinay, said tonight that the European coal and steel pool was "a decisive step towards the removal of century-old opposition between Germany and France".

"We will remove one of the greatest dangers to peace by carrying out this physical integration of France and Germany," M. Pinay told the Council of the Republics which was discussing the ratification of the coal and steel pool treaty.

The treaty has already been ratified by the National Assembly.

"Heavy industries which are at the base of war production and economic development will no longer be used as instruments of domination," M. Pinay said.

As opposed to previous attempts, this is a lasting settlement of Franco-German relations, creating a German solidarity between the two countries. Putting the Schuman Plan into operation will assist other European arrangements particularly the settlement of the Saar question."—Reuter.

STORY REPUDIATED

From Denver comes the report tonight that Mrs. Dick McCusker had repudiated a copy-righted newspaper story that she had received a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower saying that the General would return to the United States within the next month.

Referring to a story which appeared in an early edition of the Rocky Mountain News, Mrs. McCusker said, "It's very untrue and very unfortunate—I am

truth and very unfortunate—I am most embarrassed."

The story said that Mrs. McCusker had received a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower in which the General's wife wrote that the General would return to the United States at the time of a proposed visit in Paris by the McCuskers.

"The letter did not say any such thing," Mrs. McCusker said later.

Twins Set A Record

London, Mar. 27. A doctor reported today that twin five-year-old boys came down with chicken pox twice in six weeks. Second attacks of chicken pox are rare, because a first attack almost always confers immunity. C. Spencer Whitehouse, writing in the British Medical Journal, said the twins lived in Birmingham. They caught the disease the first time last November 12 and the second time on December 25.—Associated Press.

NEW BOAC SERVICE TO JAPAN

(From Our Correspondent)

London, Mar. 27. BOAC's new service through Germany to the Far East—the first time in the history of British civil aviation that such a route has been operated—will start on April 2.

From that date there will be a once weekly service from London calling at Frankfurt and then on to Hongkong and Tokyo via Rome, Cairo, Beira, Karachi, Calcutta, Rangoon and Bangkok.

Passengers will be able to join the service at Frankfurt for Pakistan, India, Hongkong and Tokyo.

Leaving Frankfurt each Thursday the service will arrive at Karachi next day. It will reach Hongkong on Saturday. There is a further night stop at Hongkong and the aircraft will reach Tokyo on Sunday.

The return flight will leave Tokyo each Monday, arriving at Frankfurt the following Thursday.

This once weekly BOAC service linking Germany with the Far East will be operated by pressurised Argonaut aircrafts powered by four Rolls-Royce engines.

London Theatre Renamed

London, Mar. 27. It was announced today that, by the gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen, His Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket will henceforth be known as Her Majesty's Theatre.

The present theatre was opened as "Her Majesty's" by the late Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree on April 28, 1897, its name being changed to His Majesty's Theatre shortly after the accession of King Edward VII.—Reuter.

SERETSE DECLINES OFFER

Rejection Of Job In Jamaica

London, Mar. 27. Seretse Khama, chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, told a Press conference today that he had refused to accept the Government's decision that he would never be recognised as chief of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland but would be offered a job in Jamaica.

"By this action the British Government is trying to placate South Africa by offering me a post as far away as possible from South Africa and by a great desire to do right by South Africa even if it means alienating thousands of Africans."

He had informed Lord Salisbury, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, yesterday that he would refuse the offer of a post in Jamaica.

He had no plans for going anywhere outside Britain at present.

"Britain," he said, "is prepared to sacrifice thousands of Africans and others who have always believed in British justice, just in order to make South Africa keep within the Commonwealth."

Seretse said that it was not until after his marriage to a white London girl that South Africa had passed legislation making inter-marriage a crime.

WILL FIGHT

Seretse disclosed that the job offered him in Jamaica had a starting salary of £770 a year in addition to his present allowance of £1,100.

He would go on fighting for the right to return to his people but would continue his legal studies here in the meantime.

He had no idea who the British Government had in mind as his successor. Raseboai was the next in line of succession after Tekeledi Khama (Seretse's uncle and former Regent) and Tekeledi's children.

The announcement that Seretse had no hope of returning as chief to his tribe was made in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury.

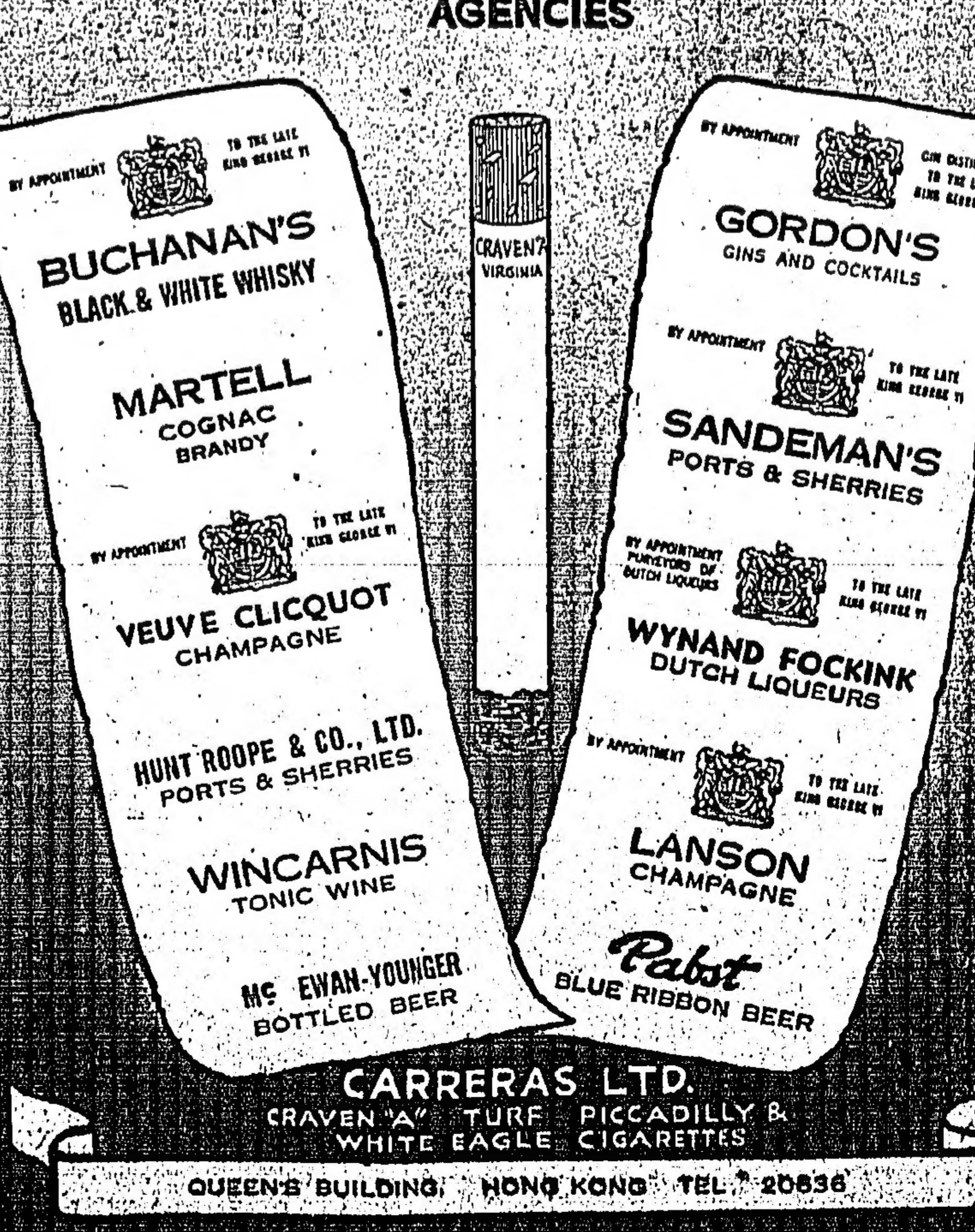
A similar announcement in the House of Commons brought an immediate demand by Socialist Members for a debate. This was fixed for later tonight.

Mr. James Griffiths, former Labour Secretary of State for the Colonies, said: "Does not the Government realise, in view of what is happening in South and Central Africa now, that this can only lead to the gravest possible disturbance?"—Reuter.

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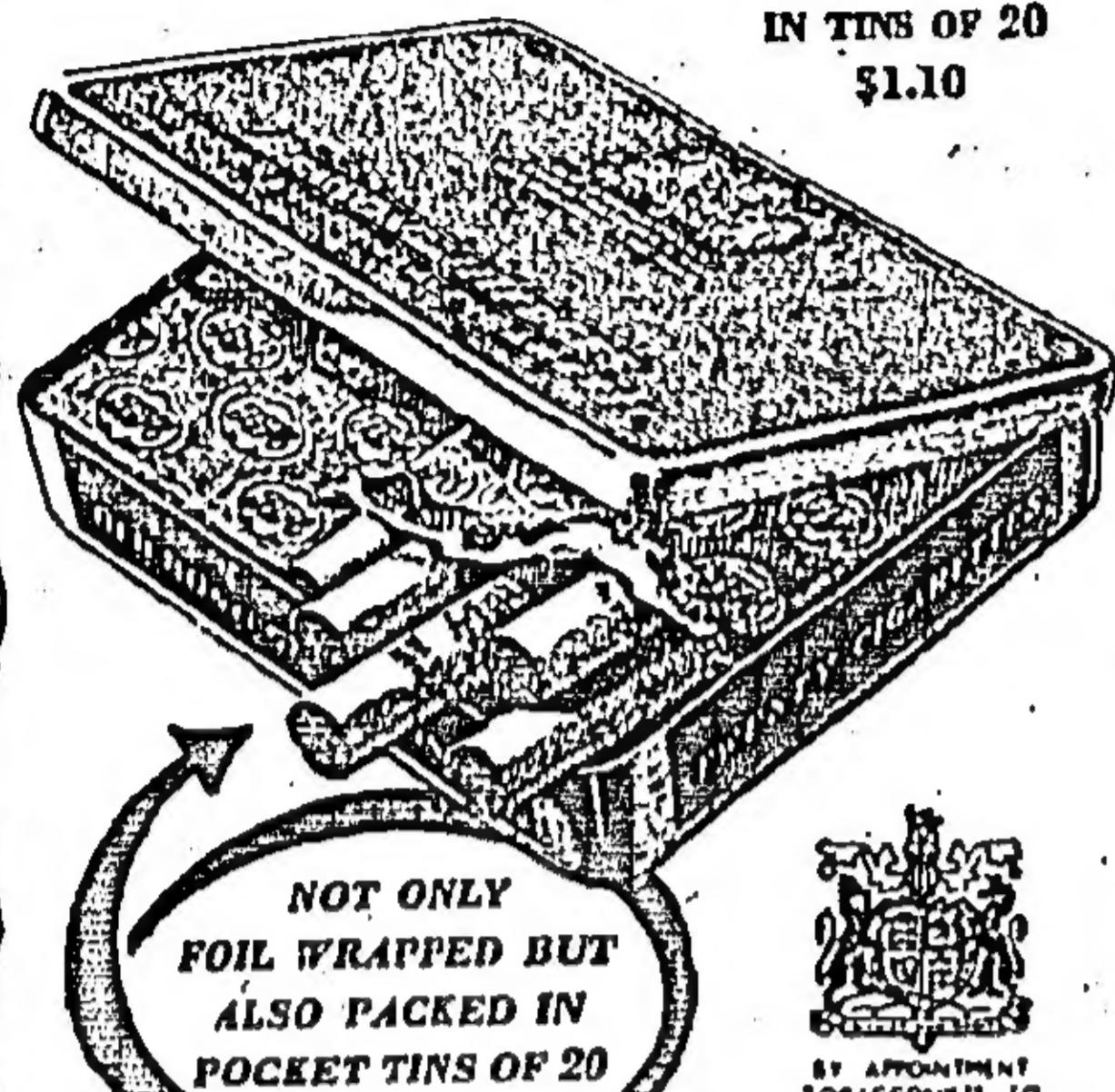
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OUT OF THE SUN, INTO THE HEAT

Washington I LEAVE the red-hot sunshine of Florida and return to Washington—where I find the atmosphere red-hot with some of the most bitter invective I ever remember in the hearing, even in the nation's capital. In the Senate we have Senator Walter George, of Georgia, chairman of the Finance Committee, turning on his Democratic boss, President Truman, with these most unparliamentary words:—

"The most charitable thing I can say about his personal character and personal integrity is 'No comment,' but he is the poorest advocate of a cause, good, bad, or indifferent, that the world has ever produced."

THEN there is the amazing Newbold Morris, the President's "graft chaser," who produces yet another of the rowdiest verbal brawls heard in months in the Senate committee hearings about his law firm's connection with a surplus tanker deal.

Disregarding the card on which his wife had written in block capitals "Keep your shirt on!" Morris really lets go, accuse the Senators of having "diseased minds," and complaints of "the vile atmosphere in Washington."

Then he shouts at Senator Richard Nixon, 40-year-old Republican: "When you're 20 or 30 years older, maybe you'll be more like a gentleman."

"Childish!"—Emotionally unfit for this important job!—counter the enraged Senators.

INCIDENTALLY, on the plane from Key West into Miami, I found myself sitting just behind one of President Truman's top White House advisers, John Stesman. He was engrossed in

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FAVOURITE HEADLINE (referring to the ousted Cuban President Carlos Prio), in New York Daily News: "Prio awarded right to scream."

THE HUMAN TOUCH: Washington liquor shops are selling respectable whisky at 1s. a bottle—but only two to a customer.

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Concluding This Report Of An Astonishing Interview

LITVINOV'S WARNING WAS A STATE SECRET

By Richard C. Hottellet

FORMER Russian Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov was, politically speaking, the Soviet Klaus Fuchs.

The information betrayed by Fuchs advanced the development of the Soviet atom bomb. Litvinov's warning to me that the Soviet could not be trusted or appeared hastened and strengthened the Western resolve to block Soviet aggression. This came at a time when delay or doubt might have made future containment impossible.

It is difficult, and for an outsider perhaps impossible, to tell what decisions were made and what plans were dropped under the impact of Litvinov's words. Yet this much can be said. His views have been top-level reference in the U.S. State Department ever since he outlined them to me on June 18, 1946.

They have been pored over time and again as different problems have arisen. Litvinov may have been ignored and carelessly tossed into the Kremlin's ash can. But he must have had the satisfaction of knowing that the highest American officials consulted him respectfully and often.

FROM the moment I told the story at the American Embassy, the Litvinov interview was treated as a state secret of utmost urgency. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith flushed it to Secretary of State James Byrnes, who was then in Paris discussing questions like Trieste, the Italian colonies and the future of Germany, with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. Mr. Byrnes kept the document in his private safe. In Washington, orders were given to keep this message out of the ordinary secret files and to make it available only to a handful of men at the top.

Litvinov's warning did not come as a staggering surprise, as far as its substance is concerned. Men like George Kennan and Charles Bohlen had for years been reporting their basic estimate of Soviet intentions. But I am told that influential quarters in the State Department—quite apart from Alger Hiss—had honestly been discounting their reports as reflecting embittered "Moscowites."

It was impossible for any honest man to discount Litvinov. What is more, he had honestly been discounting their reports as reflecting embittered "Moscowites."

When Litvinov came into the hall, he took no notice of the rosy-coloured carpet to his desk in the second row, in the middle.

HOW the Communists are working to capture the good will of London's students: A report by ROBERT KINGSLEY

AS the crow flies, Prague is roughly 650 miles from the centre of London's student quarter in Bloomsbury.

But some coloured students at London University might be pardoned if at times they felt Prague was more accessible to them than Richmond or Cockfosters.

For Prague is the front office from which the Cominform directs propaganda to students this side of the Iron Curtain; the headquarters of the International Union of Students is also in Prague.

From Prague, the Communists reach out to win the good will of the young men and women from West Africa, the West Indies, Malaya and elsewhere, who are studying at London University.

HAND-PICKED

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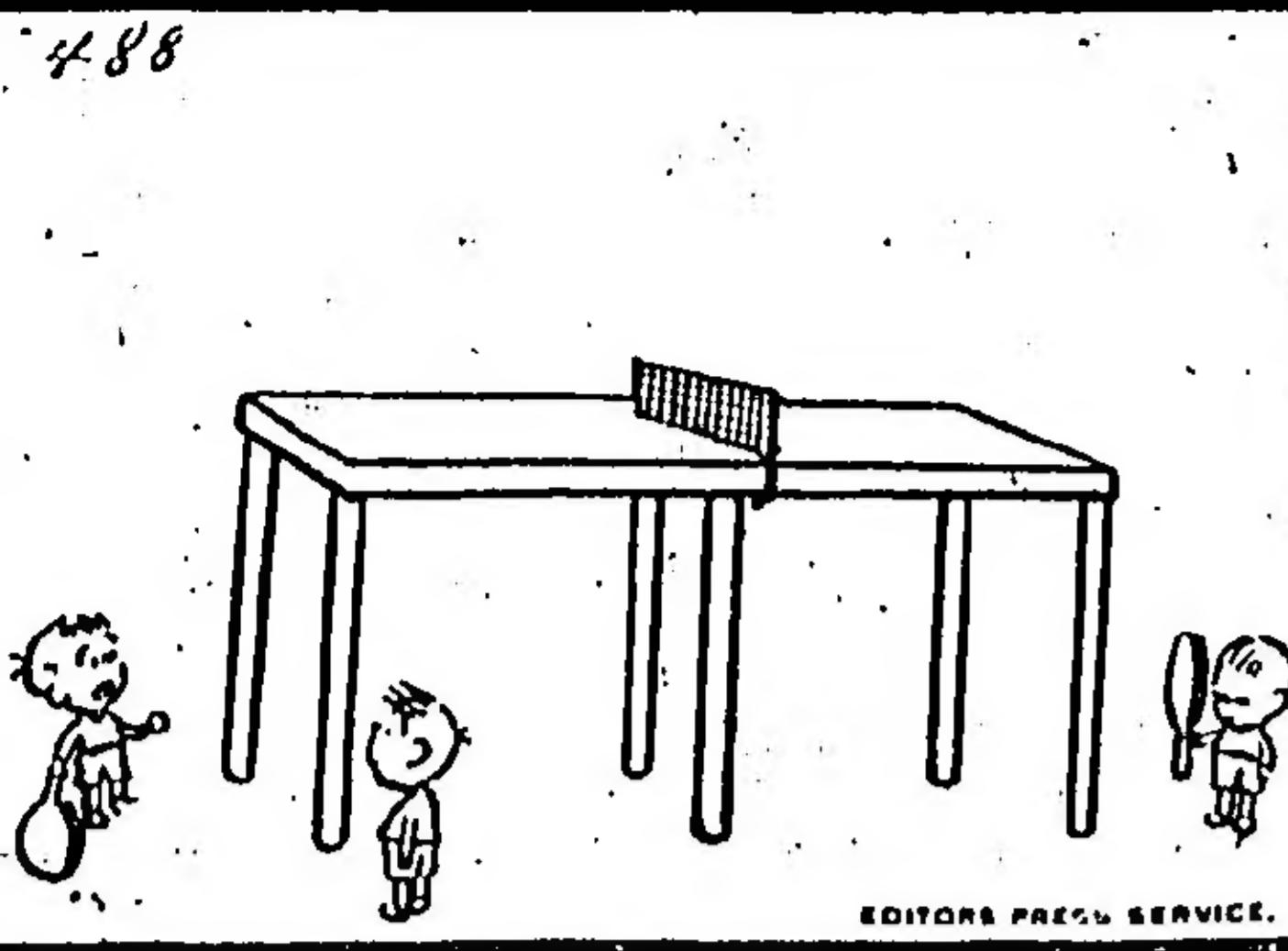
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"You stand on a chair and tell us what's happening."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

"THE second movement," wrote a music critic the other day, "was taken far too fast." This must be followed up.

There is a well-known drug which makes intuitions race through your mind. There was a recent case of several players being got at before a concert. The conductor had hardly raised his baton when the soloist came on and won by 10 bars. Samples of their breath were sealed up in little pinkish bags, and subsequently analysed. The culprit, a student of psychology, a stimulant used to brighten up lethargic plumbus, were found. A conductor under the influence takes every piece at a gallop, and a harpist frequently gets badly bruised hands while trying to keep up.

Self-lighting cigarette

THE announcement of a self-lighting cigarette made in the United States from the Swedish forests to besiege the match magnate. But one good result may be more paper, which means more newspapers. And where ever there is so much that in these lean years the news is compressed into 574-page papers. Only the old-fashioned will regret the passing of the match. But young men who fascinate girls by

lighting a lighter, as though they were drawing a sword in defence of beauty, will be robbed of this method of breaking the ice. The girl will merely "rib" the cigarette and say "I'm drunk in order to light it." "How drab life is," vaunted an enabler.

Egg-markers doped

AN inquiry into the doping of egg-markers has already revealed a ludicrous state of affairs. The doped markers write all sorts of things on eggs and a simple consumer goes to a grocer in Horsham, Sussex, to be returned, as some eggs had erratic marks stamped on them and whereupon the grocer says "China January 1934," and "Peru." Retold in London, February 1935, by B.B.C. and "Egg-marker" Fenton in "Mist & Truth." One friend marker claims an egg was doped on the hild, egg-shaped head of an overseer at the packing-station.

Advice to fools

DAY after day people write to the papers to complain about the price charged for eggs. West retorts that there is an easy remedy, and one that would be effective. It is to make raw and refuse to be swindled. I shall repeat, "If you know the price, then let them stop complaining when they are charged eighteen shillings for a bottle which can be bought for half the price from any reputable wine merchant."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

BORN today, you are fond of travel and merely as a tourist but to study the life and habits of those who live in other parts of the world. You like to make use of this information, either as a reporter, a diplomat, or a writer. Food of the Far East, you will never grow tired of. You are a philosopher, but interested in politics, their influence on world affairs. You have a good nose for business and are more than likely to make money in enterprises that may not appear particularly remunerative. You have that happy belief that tomorrow is always a better day. This optimism seems to be passed on to you in your work, and you bring great enthusiasm to any project you may undertake. You women are more emotional, impressionable and little braced.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Don't allow interfere with your objective. Keep a single-track mind just now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—When making an important decision today, weigh all the facts very carefully first.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 19)—A close friend of one of the family has been ill, a day present can be cheering.

GEMINI (May 20-June 18)—Keep tabs on current affairs those days. They may definitely affect your own life.

CANCER (June 19-July 23)—Work and risk nothing, so that with a quiet mind and evening come, you may relax and enjoy yourself.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A good day to go hunting for these now scarce items. It would give you a special thrill.

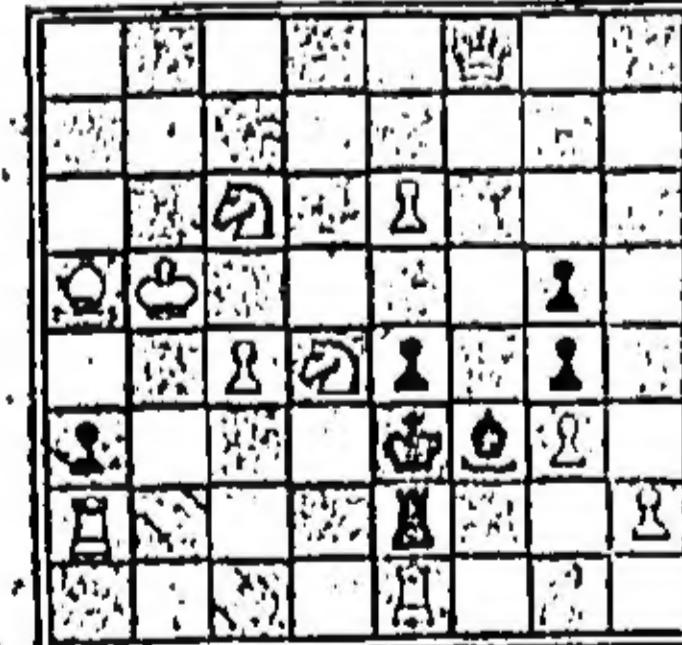
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—If a friend is in need of your encouragement, do everything you can to be very gay.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—This can be a key day for you. See that important matters are settled promptly and efficiently.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. L. MUSANTE

Black, 7 pieces.



Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. B-B6, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

DUMB-BELLS



Check Your Knowledge

- What is the meaning of "sic semper tyrannis"?
- What vehicle was called a Prairie Schooner?
- Name the capital of Haiti.
- Name the hero of "Du Maurier's 'Trilby.'
- Where did the "tumba originate?"
- What island grows most of the world's camphor trees?

(Answers on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Watch Your Hand; It'll Pay Dividends

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you're defending a hand, it's usually a fine idea to play in such a way that your partner knows what you have and therefore knows how to put up the best defence. It's possible, however, to overdo this defensive signalling, as today's hand shows.

North's cue-bid of three spades was forced, and a game was agreed upon for the three unbid suits. North didn't really have full value for this bid, but he wasn't far out of line. When South got to five spades, he had a hand with a quick discarding double.

West opened the three of spades.

East dropped the ace of diamonds and dummy ruffed with the nine of diamonds.

South won the trick and had complete control of the suit.

West then had a hand with a quick discarding double.

This play was highly informative, but it was a complete giveaway to South as well.

South happened to be Harry Fish, a nationally known expert who seldom needs more than one hint to make a good hand.

Fishkin realised that East's play definitely located the ace-king queen of spades. What could West have for his double of five diamonds?

The thing to do with good old stand-bys is never to get into a rut about preparing them. Every pot roast, each Swiss steak should be a brand new, culinary adventure and treat. Such flavouring twists as a handful of mixed vegetables steamed over and around the meat; a delightful new gravy ingredient such as tomato juice, onion cream, tinned onion soup, tinned mushroom soup, ground ginger — these give new sparkle to tried and true favourites. Same thing goes for goulash.

New Flavour Twists Give Dishes A Lift

By ALICE DENHOFF

IT's safe to say that many a hand will see plenty of dishes such as pot roast and Swiss steak on the family dinner table. Two reasons — they are thrifty meat buys, and, when well prepared, they get a big hand from the family, especially from hard-working folk who need good, nourishing food.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS
ANNUAL RACE MEETING
Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday,
29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The 15-min. interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (26 in all).

Through Tickets at \$72.00 each may be obtained at the Compradore Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March, as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 29th March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investor has left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box-holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to enforce their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

PHILIPPINE PAIR EXTENDED BY UNSEEDED CHINESE YMCA COMBINATION

By "ARGONAUT"

The Philippines combination of A. Torres Jr. and M. S. Yanga just managed to make the third round of the Men's Doubles event of the Colony Open Badminton Championships, which continued at St. Teresa's Hall last night.

Pitted against the unseeded Chinese YMCA pair of D. C. Lau and P. K. Hooi, the visitors took the first set by 15-8, after trailing behind by 1-5 in the initial stages. Both the Philippine players displayed an excellent defence, but did not appear to combine together too well.

Lau and Hooi held the offensive in the second set and with neat drops and follow-up smashes went to a 7-1 and 11-4 lead. Torres and Yanga rallied to 11-11 but three successive drops by Hooi at this stage and a smash by Lau completed the second set.

The third set saw the visitors never give up fighting, particularly in the record set when he drew up from 4-8, 7-11 and 10-12 to 12-12 before gracefully bowing out of the tournament in this event.

Young was seen at his best at this stage. With good short services and strong smashes and fast topping shots at the net he brought the score to 13-10, only to see the Chinese pair even up at 13-13.

They led 2-1 after deuce was called and went on to score the required three points on their next two services.

LEE EXTENDS YOUNG

In a hard-hitting Singles quarter-final match, the holder Ramon Young was extended to 10-15 and 12-15 by a fighting C. K. Lee.

Long baseline rallies and hard smashes featured the game, with Young enjoying an advantage with an orthodox backhand. Lee again upheld his reputation of being a player who

never gives up fighting, particularly in the record set when he drew up from 4-8, 7-11 and 10-12 to 12-12 before graciously bowing out of the tournament in this event.

In the first set, Lee took a 6-1 lead, but a series of out-shots by him enabled Young to reel off six points in a row.

Lee again led 8-6, only to concede another string of seven points to give his opponent a commanding lead of 13-10 and the set at 15-10.

In the other Men's Singles match of the evening, ex-Colony Champion R. Tay had a surprisingly easy 15-1 first set passage against F. M. Rozario.

Plunged with short services in the first set, the highly strung Rozario constantly piled his opponent with half-court lobes which were put away by Tay's powerful smashes.

Rozario put up much better show in the second set and won

actually leading by 11-9 before Tay drew level and clinched the set.

THE RESULTS

Results of Colony Badminton Championship matches played at St. Teresa Church Hall last night were:

Men's Singles—Robert "Argonaut" Lee beat F. M. Rozario 15-1, 15-11; R. Young beat C. K. Lee 15-10, 15-12; R. Young beat M. S. Yanga 15-8, W. B. Brown and C. Au beat S. Saul and K. Y. Tsao 15-8, 15-6; A. Torres and M. S. Yanga beat P. K. Hooi and D. C. Lau 15-12, 15-10; Ladies' Singles—Miss Stella Correa beat Mrs. E. Tack 11-9, 11-2.

Mixed Doubles—Miss W. Cheung and R. Young beat Miss Mary Chow and K. Koo 15-12, 15-4.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

7.15 p.m.: Men's Singles—J. Koo v. R. Tay.

7.45 p.m.: Men's Doubles—P. Wong & C. K. Lee v. M. T. Lam & V. N. Cheung.

8.15 p.m.: Mixed Doubles—Miss T. Remedios & J. A. Soares v. Miss Helen Kwong & W. F. Foo.

8.45 p.m.: Men's Singles—Henry Hackathorn v. P. K. Hooi.

9.15 p.m.: Mixed Doubles—Miss B. Remedios and M. T. Lam v. Miss S. Correa & Bill Funk.

9.45 p.m.: Men's Doubles—W. F. Foo & R. Young v. C. A. Remedios & J. C. Koh.

MONDAY'S PROGRAMME

7.45 p.m.: Men's Doubles—R. Tay & K. Y. Tsao v. W. Brown & C. Au.

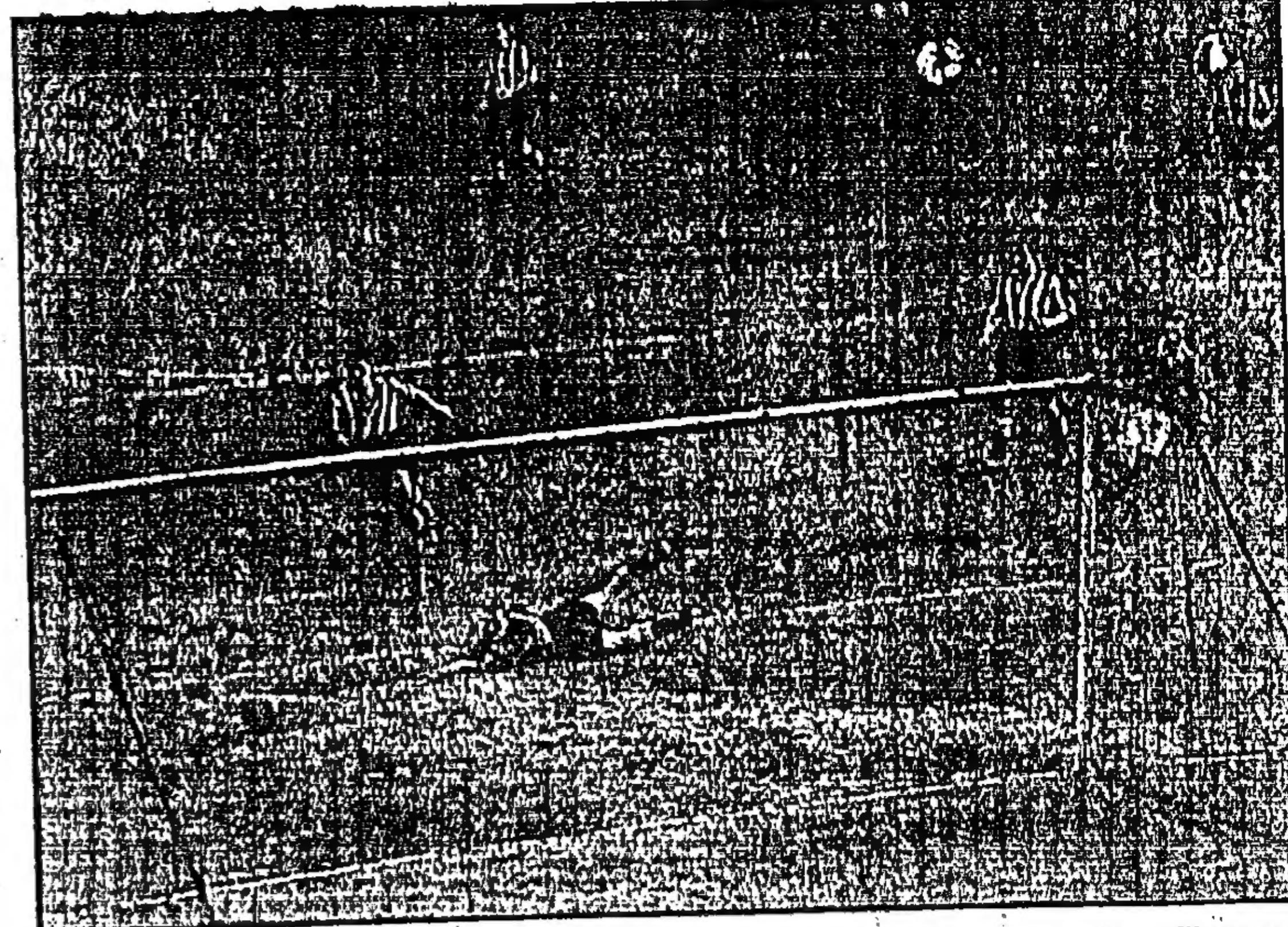
8.15 p.m.: Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. G. Sequela and Mrs. M. Rozario v. Mrs. M. Goncalves & Miss M. Xavier.

8.45 p.m.: Ladies' Singles—Miss B. Remedios v. Miss T. Remedios.

9.15 p.m.: Men's Singles—A. Torres Jr. v. J. Koo or R. Tay.

9.45 p.m.: Men's Singles—W. F. Foo v. Bill Funk.

CUP FINAL PREVIEW?



Roy Bentley (right foreground), Chelsea's inside-left, seen testing Simpson. Newcastle's goalkeeper, in a League match at Stamford Bridge. Cowell (left foreground), Newcastle left-half, is seen running to assist his keeper. Standing by Bentley is Brennan, Newcastle's centre-half. These two teams, engaged in the Cup semi-finals on March 29, may be fighting each other for football's greatest honour at Wembley on May 3rd.—Express Photo.

TOMORROW'S HOME SOCCER

Blackburn's Appearance In Cup Semi-final Is A Cinderella Story

Says DENNIS HART

The Cinderella story come true. That describes the appearance in tomorrow's semi-final at Hillsborough, of Blackburn Rovers. Four months ago Blackburn had played 16 Second Division matches and all they had to show for those games was six points. They were well and truly bottom of the table, six points behind the next club.

It was beyond the wildest dreams of their most rabid supporter that they would reach the semi-final of the FA Cup, and even have an outside chance of promotion. But that is what has happened.

How has this amazing transformation been brought about? By lavish spending in the transfer market? Not on your life.

Blackburn indulged in but one big buy. That was Eddie Quigley, whom they obtained from Preston for about £10,000. He helped them turn the corner by scoring six goals in his first six games, which gave Blackburn nine points.

Then he was injured, and subsequently had a long lay-off. But the club's revival continued. And the strange fact about it is that to achieve it they played the same brand of football that had previously kept them in the depths of the League table.

It is to their credit that even when things were going against them they still tried to play good football, and did not resort to "points-at-any-cost" tactics.

To complete the fairy story, their semi-final opponents tomorrow are Newcastle, the glamorous Prince Charming of soccer.

On form, Newcastle must be firm favourites, for their star-studded forward line has earned them away victories over clubs such as Tottenham and Portsmouth in previous rounds.

But they can not afford to take game lightly. For Blackburn have a tremendous fighting spirit, and are renowned as a great cup-fighting team. Victory for them in this year's Final would give them a record number of seven wins.

They are already joint holders of the record with Aston Villa, each having won the trophy six times.

OUTSIZE QUESTION MARK

But if there is a small query against the Blackburn-Newcastle semi-final, the other, between Motherwell and Hearts, at Hampden Park will provide a clash between those two ace Cup scorers, Gauld of Hearts and Kelly of Motherwell.

Motherwell showed a surprisingly good defence in their replayed fourth round tie with Rangers, and Hearts will have to be on top form to score. But in their replayed fourth round tie with Airdrie, Hearts showed themselves to be great fighters.

They were leading 3-2, and scored four goals in the last half an hour to run out winners by six goals to four. This tie promises to be a real thriller.

In the other semi-final at Easter Road, Dundee, with Billy Steel at the helm, on current form should dispose of Third Lanark.

Cup games do not steal all the limelight. For with promotion and relegation struggles reaching critical stages, there will be many stern battles this afternoon.

One of the most important is at City ground, where Notts Forest entertain Sheffield United. Victory for the home side would do much to strengthen their promotion prospects, and at the same time would practically put the United out of the hunt. As Forest won 4-1 at Sheffield earlier in the season, they should be reasonably confident.

In the Third Division South, Plymouth should get two points nearer the Second Division by beating Bournemouth. They may even increase their lead as Brighton and Reading both have away games.

In the all-conquering Lincoln North, Accrington, the lowly placed home side can have little hope of holding the visitor's attack, which has scored more goals than any other club in the country.

—(London Express Service)

HKRA Rifle Shoot

The next practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held at Kai Tak on Sunday at 9 a.m. Ranges 200 yards, 300 yards and 500 yards. Prizes will be awarded for the best score in each class.

Colony Chess Championship Surprise

There was a surprise in the first round of the Colony Chess Championship, played at the Peninsula Hotel last night, when S. B. Kho, the first Chinese player to take part in several years, beat L. Schure, a ranking Colony player.

Kho won on steady positional play after Schure, who could then hope for a draw at best, strove to preserve his opponents' isolated centre pawn at any cost.

In his eagerness to hold on to this slight advantage, Schure overlooked his opponent's development which culminated in a bishop pinning two rooks. The game was an unorthodox QGD and went to 30 moves. Schure had the black pieces.

Johnny Carvalho held G. S. Coxhead to a draw after losing a piece very early on in a Petrossi Defence. This was the evening's longest game.

Ray Dancheng beat J. B. Lai in 43 moves and Karel Weiss beat Dr G. A. Vellott.

Alec Nelson has withdrawn from the tournament as he will be leaving the Colony earlier than anticipated and his place on the fixture list will be taken by the player having a bye.

Austrian Football Club May Send Team To Manila

Manila, Mar. 28. The top-ranking Austrian football team, Sportklub Wacker, may play here next year if negotiations for the Austrians to come to Manila are successful. It was practised yesterday.

Coach Enrico Ugurto of the Manila Interport eleven is scheduled to have a talk with the Hongkong Football Association regarding the Austrian team.

Meanwhile the Indian Gymkhana football squad will play here in May after engagements with the Hongkong Football Association. Ugurto has also been instructed to make arrangements for the Hongkong team to come together with the Indian eleven in May.—France Presse.

Home Football

London, Mar. 27. Bradford beat Barrow by two goals to nil in a Third Division, Northern Section football match today.—Reuters.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The 1952 Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be brought to a conclusion tomorrow.

There are 12 events on tomorrow's programme. The Ladies' Purse and the Jockey Club Cup will be the main attractions of the day.

The First Sudding Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the first race starting at noon. The fifth interval will follow after the running of the fourth race and the first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

The programme opens with a race confined to Subscription Purses of 1952. (Weight 147 lbs., winners barred).

Judging from performances during the two days of the Annual Meeting, I think the race should be decided between Marine Charger (Mr. Robert Tsui), Huiyan C (Mr. Sammard), Olympic Torch (Mr. Ronfrew) and Solar Knight (Mr. Chan Kit).

Marine Charger is probably a little better than the others in view of its record placing in the Hopet Stakes (Fifth Section) over the mile, but Huiyan C has been making gradual improvement and may create a surprise.

Olympic Torch which ran a good third over six furlongs, must be considered.

Solar Knight may be worth following as an outsider.

SECOND RACE

Phantom Handicap (First Section): From 2 Miles Post.

Native Jockeys will be in view in this event and they will be called upon to handle Class B Ponies. Although many will place their faith in Miami Beauty (Mr. H. H. Chan) on account of its third placing in the Mount Parker Handicap (Third Section) at the 5th Race Meeting, I prefer Gladiolus (Mr. Yen Ching-kwan), which was unplaced in the same race, on account of its fine form, especially at morning gallops, with Miami Beauty second and Angus (Mr. T. B. Dau) third.

In view of Good Bay's disappointing form in the last two outings, I can hardly be expected to recommend it for a win, but there is no doubt that this pony has been improving and a win sooner or later is indicated. It will be taken out by Mr. K. Shih (temporarily) afternoon.

THIRD RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

In this race Meadowbrook (Mr. Kwok) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Hopet Stakes (First Section) when it came second to No Regrets.

There is Valbridge (Mr. Ozkumoff) to be considered and it should give Meadowbrook a good run for the first position.

Radio Star (Mr. Sammard) and American Carpet (Mr. T. L. Wong) should fight out the third place.

FOURTH RACE

Ladies' Purse: Once Around.

This race will be contested by Class B Ponies and it is certainly an easy matter to pick out the winner which should come from among Hellzapoppin (Mr. Ronfrew), Highlight (Mr. Beynon), Kentucky Lady (Mr. Chameau), Prestwood (Mr. Robert Tsui) and Pay Day (Mr. Oliveira).

Hellzapoppin won the Mount Davis Handicap (First Section) from the 1-1/2 Mile Post at the 5th Race Meeting, and so far tomorrow afternoon its weight has gone up by 3 lbs. I believe that it can still win here.

The strongest opposition will come from Highlight. The pony is very fit at the moment and I think it will certainly be fighting out the finish.

Kentucky Lady, for coming second to Hellzapoppin in the above race, has the same weight and as the distance is more suitable to this pony it should not be disregarded.

Prestwood was fourth in the Pearce Memorial Cup at the 4th Race Meeting but should do better here.

Pay Day (Mr. Oliveira) may find the distance to its liking and judging from its work in morning exercise after the last

meeting I think it will have a say in the finish.

FIFTH RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (Second Section): From 2 Miles Post.

A portion of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Olasz B Ponies, gives me the impression that one need not look further than Minya a Miminyu (Mr. Ozkumoff) to win, particularly when it is borne in mind that it won the Mount Nicholson Handicap (Third Section) over this distance for Class B Ponies at the 5th Race Meeting.

However, in view of the fine form of Crown Whimsy (Mr. Young Peter), it is an enticement again, while Golden Wing (Mr. Ronfrew), is not bad over this distance.

Cassie (Mr. C. F. Ng), which was fourth the last time out, may be worth watching for a place.

Mr. Chuang will be entrusted with the task of riding Courageous, and this combination can be depended upon to give a good race against the other horses.

SIXTH RACE

Jockey Club Cup: 1-1/2 Miles.

This is the main event of the day and what a grand race this should turn out to be. With the best among the Subscription Ponies of 1952 running, it will be a race worth going a long way to see.

The following are likely starters: Ping On (Mr. Kwok), Icefield (Mr. T. L. Wong), Knock-Down (Mr. Robert Tsui) and No Regrets (Mr. Chan Kit).

After the easy manner in which Ping On secured its win in the Hopet Stakes (Third Section) over the mile last Saturday, there is no doubt that it will be strongly supported tomorrow afternoon.

The only pony capable of exceeding Ping On is Icefield, but I am afraid that good as Icefield undoubtedly is, it will find its task a hopeless one. Mr. T. L. Wong, however, may be relied upon to get the best out of his mount and the race should prove most interesting.

Honey Dow and Chinese Mackrel have done well over this distance and should have a say at the finish.

The Hopet has been showing improvement in morning gallops and it will probably extend the other starters.

SEVENTH RACE

Western Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

In this race Meadowbrook (Mr. Kwok) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Hopet Stakes (First Section) when it came second to No Regrets.

There is Valbridge (Mr. Ozkumoff) to be considered and it should give Meadowbrook a good run for the first position.

Radio Star (Mr. Sammard) and American Carpet (Mr. T. L. Wong) should fight out the third place.

EIGHTH RACE

Victoria Handicap (First Section): 1-1/4 Miles.

In this race for Class B Ponies, this meeting will be decided by Class A Ponies, with winners of this meeting barred.

Judging from its last cutting, Empress of Peace, which will again be taken out by Mr. Oliveira, will probably do better here and a win is quite possible.

Real opposition should come from Wonderful Coal (Mr. Young Peter) which disappointed badly by running unplaced over the two mile post at the 4th Race Meeting. It should not be neglected, however, as this pony gallops well during morning training.

Airs and Graces (Mr. Robert Tsui) and United Victory (Mr. Chan Kit) are two other contenders which should not be disregarded.

NINTH RACE

Victoria Handicap (First Section): 1-1/4 Miles.

In this race for Class B Ponies, the likely winner should come from among Half Moon Bay (Mr. Oliveira), Tenby (Mr. Chan Kit), Beautiful Star (Mr. Sammard) and Rose Emme (Mr. Ozkumoff).

Half Moon Bay came in third in the Mount Davis Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs and on that run I fancy it to win.

Tenby, which was second in the Pineapple Pass Handicap (Second Section), is dangerous and should not be disregarded.

They are due to arrive on Tuesday and will play the same night against a Hong Kong selection of Chung Ching-seng, Keung Wing-ning and Cheng Kwok-wing.

The match will be on the Davis Cup system with four Singles and one Doubles and will start at 7.30 p.m. at the Southorn playground.

The two top-ranking American table tennis players, Martin Reisman and Douglas Cartland, who are now touring Saigon, have accepted the invitation of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association to play a series of four exhibition matches in Hong Kong.

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WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for cricket, hockey and soccer matches this week-end:

CRICKET

Hongkong CC "Scorpions" v Army "A" at Sookinpon on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, G. G. White, J. B. White, T. P. Russel, J. Shannon, P. A. Whitecombe, L. Stokes, C. B. Connett, D. J. Hill, K. E. Greene, 12th man—F. Howarth.

Indian RC v Kowloon CC at Cox's Road on Saturday and Indian RC at Happy Valley on Sunday at 1.45 p.m.—G. H. Cheung, G. A. Souza, P. R. Ragi, P. J. Billmorn, D. Headcorn, T. G. Abber, P. Abber, H. Greenalde, M. Singh, K. Y. Tam, S. F. Shroff, Reserve—U. E. Esmal.

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"KIELDRECHT"	May 5th	Sailed Rotterdam
"AGTEKERK"	May 6th	
"BLITZ"	May 7th	
"HOOGEKERK"	May 25th	
"ARENDSKERK"	July 2nd	

Decline Revealed
In January
World Tin Output

The Hague, Mar. 27.

World tin production during January 1952 was lower than during December 1951, a report of the Tin Study Group revealed here today.

Production in January 1952 was 13,400 long tons, whereas production in December 1951 was 14,000 long tons. Malayan tin production in December 1951 was 4,743 tons.

In Indonesia production in January 1952 was only 1,063 long tons, the lowest since February 1949.

Bolivian production increased in January 1952 to 2,953 tons.

World tin metal production this January was 205,050 tons, the lowest since November 1949.

British tin metal production in January was 50,000 tons.

Local prices in London during the first two weeks of March were £270 and £284.

American tin prices remained unchanged at 121.50 cents per pound.—United Press.

The opportunities in Africa are ample," said Mr. Hole. "The tragedy is that trade there is bedeviled by politics."

The January conference of Empire Finance Ministers was criticised. It seemed to Socialists that the conference broke up with individual countries deciding to correct their own trade balances without attention being paid to expansion of Sterling Area trade.

Mr. Reginald Peart (Socialist, Northampton) said: "I cannot believe the problems of the Commonwealth are going to be solved by a process of throwing out each other's washing."

Growth of population has meant increased demand for foodstuffs and in some cases, in Asia and Africa, increased dependence upon imports.

Problems of rural labour have emerged in certain cases, while, especially in the more highly organised systems, development of mechanisation and the use of fertilisers have helped increase productivity.

LONG-RANGE PLANS

In under-developed countries such as India, Pakistan and Ceylon, as well as in Colonial territories, the long-range plans now under way include reforms of the land tenure system and other changes directed towards the same end.

Some of these factors explain the wide variations in output per acre or per man thus while in many cases crop yields have been raised, for certain basic crops the upward trend has become less marked.

The price factor has played a notable part in relation to production trends, because all the main Commonwealth countries, the prices of agricultural products appear to have risen more steeply than general price levels.

On the other hand, it is clear that bulk purchase arrangements or long-term contracts in some cases have limited price movements while other devices such as export taxes have been used to lessen the impact of world prices on the domestic market.

Problems of production have been paralleled in the trade sphere.

A COMPLEX

Population in producing countries has increased to a marked extent and the resultant increase in domestic consumption of some foodstuffs has reduced exportable surpluses or, in some cases, substituted net imports for net exports.

Examples of one or other of these tendencies can be found in Canada, Australia, South Africa and India.

This complex of factors helps to explain why exports have not risen uniformly and why those have been substantial.

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